

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>
	10/719,259	CARLIN ET AL.
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>
	Melanie J. Hand	3761

**All Participants:**

**Status of Application:** pending

(1) Melanie J. Hand. (3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) James Oehlenschlager. (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 30 October 2007

**Time:** 2:00 PM EST

**Type of Interview:**

- Telephonic  
 Video Conference  
 Personal (Copy given to:  Applicant     Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated:  Yes  No

If Yes, provide a brief description:

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

N/A

Claims discussed:

1,10

Prior art documents discussed:

Dulle (U.S. Patent No. 3,834,389)

**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

See Continuation Sheet

**Part III.**

- It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
 It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

(Examiner/SPE Signature)

(Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Examiner initiated interview to request authorization for an amendment to independent claims 1 and 10 to distinguish over Fig. 2 of the Dulle reference which shows a tampon meeting all of the claim limitations of claim 1 except for multiple widths in stepped transition. Examiner advised that the amendment to claims 1 and 10 to recite "multiple sets of widths" wherein "the multiple sets of widths have a stepped transition" would clarify that the varying widths shown in Fig. 2 of Dulle are not in stepped transition as claimed and defined by the disclosure and the proposed amendment to the claims. Examiner also contacted applicant on 9/21/07 to request terminal disclaimers to overcome potential double patenting rejections over U.S. Patent Nos. 7,087,585, 7,087,045, and 7,097,638, as the application was otherwise considered in condition for allowance.